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## IT IS TIME TO ACT

The public schools of Corpus  
Christi should be closed without  
further debate, and every necessary  
precaution should be taken.  
Spanish influenza has made its  
appearance; it is not yet epidemic;  
it may never become epidemic;  
provided those in authority act  
with prompt decision. There is  
no telling how much of our good  
luck has been due to the weather.  
The days have been mild; there  
has been little fog. But, think  
weather confronts us, and what  
is the use of taking a chance?  
The Government, by its swift in-  
tervention, has proved the need  
for preventive measures, and if  
the government is exercised, it is  
time for the people to awaken.  
There is a vast difference between  
silly alarm and concerted effort.  
The best time to stamp out an  
epidemic is before it takes hold.  
The life of one child is worth any  
exertion that may be engaged in.

## POOLS THERE BE

When you hear a man reciting  
poetry doily, tell the officials  
and the police, tip him up on the  
team! Peace—that is what sick  
Mastria craves, what Tasso  
prays for as the Sultan dares  
his bloody sword from a mountain  
made up of 1,500,000 Armenians, done to death in a them-  
selves hideous way. Peace! Take  
it away. It rocks of philanthropy.  
It dazes the courage of those  
American lads who, leaping from  
the infernals of hellishness, threat-  
ened the world in a single  
dazzling instant—and then—but  
one thing that will undate the  
faith and pride of our men be-  
neath the silent mounds of Flanders.  
Unconditional surrender.

## MOLASSES ON ICE

The Liberty Loan drags Cor-  
pus Christi in its orbit like  
molasses. The big subscriptions  
where are the big subs? Where  
are those citizens among  
who have the means to do with  
Held over unanswered? Panic does  
not. Held is too judgmental to  
answer. Look at Bishop. There  
is a town bursting with pride of  
accomplishment and patriotic zeal.  
Yes, \$16,000 went to him and still  
going! We wonder if the people  
of Corpus Christi are going to  
permit Bishop to use the negligible  
\$62,180?

## SUGGESTED EXERCISE

Automobile-drivers are trying to  
get away, owing to the degree  
of the average pedestrian, but  
this should not discourage them.  
Sooner or later, some will be  
forgotten, and then the surging driver  
has his opportunity. Unless you  
can run over a child's nose with  
out breaking his ankles, you are  
scarcely entitled to compensation.  
It takes practice, rest of course  
comes. However, it is best to play  
your child. If you can do some  
preliminary work on some little  
elephant, it will save complications.

## BOILED DOWN

Panic doesn't prevent Spanish  
influenza. It is time to get  
rightfully; it's time to get enlightened.  
Avoid crowds; don't subject yourself to extremes of  
temperature; eat food that sticks  
to your ribs; breathe in gallons of  
fresh air; keep windows open  
but keep out of drafts; and  
remember in your handkerchief.

## APPROACHING THE END

What will the day bring forth?  
On every front the Germans face  
defeat, loss of prestige, an enormous  
sacrifice in ammunition and  
supplies. Bulgaria is potentially  
on the side of the Allies. Turkey  
is crippled, dismally. Austria is  
on the verge of collapse. Russia  
is weakening. Rumania quivers  
to go. Italy is preparing a surprise.  
Each's misery is complete, for the enemy no longer has  
sufficient resources to fight against  
the high tide of victory. Northern  
France is being cleared at a  
heartrending rate, with men close  
upon the heels of the invader.  
British warships are pounding the  
defenses along the coast of Flanders,  
the great fields of Pas  
rights have been reoccupied  
in the Champagne country, the  
French and Americans are driv-  
ing a barrier between the Crown  
Prince and von Hindenburg's right.  
The trenches have been for-  
saken. It is up and tick out  
in the open—just the sort of stuff  
that appeals to frenzies to troops  
who have a wrong to right and a  
grudge to settle. Rumors are  
thicker than pollen on ragweed.  
The abandonment of Belgium is  
confidently anticipated.

Still, the war is not over. In a day Germany may crack wide  
open, exhausted, suppliant, or  
Germany may retreat within the  
city ring, inflicting certain destruction,  
only to be had after bitter  
sacrifice and months of trial. Austria's  
lates piecemeal, not officially authenticated, will get  
downward. Austria will be told  
what Bulgaria was told—to prove  
her protestations by unconditional  
surrender. The word is not  
promised to negotiate half-way  
the world is not going to leave  
the enemy any vestige of military  
authority, or colonies with which  
to work dark machinations in the  
future, or an elaborate system of  
commerce, or the slightest sub-  
stance of peace. For the blood  
that stains her hands, for the blood  
that stains her hands, for the an-  
tiodogy that she has inflicted  
upon weaker peoples, for the lost  
that she has gathered and the  
lost that she has spread and the  
destruction that she has wrought,  
Germany must suffer, and her  
hypocrisies must stand bare to  
the nations as a shame openly  
confessed. The basis of peace  
will be the fourteen paragraphs  
formulated by Woodrow Wilson,  
before now accepted by France,  
England, Italy, Belgium and every  
brave champion of liberty.

## A MESSAGE TO HELL

Reprisal is a hateful word. It  
means, rings with woe and brutality. It  
enforces the doctrine of wrong  
for winning instead of right for  
wrong. But, when can deal with  
a man, you use the one thing  
that will catch a man—force.  
Germany has lost all shams  
of rectitude and honor. Germany  
has established a base width-  
out regard to law and law  
many times over. For every  
fair city that Germany burns, a  
German city is burned. The  
cruelty of reprisal which Germany  
commits, excepting only those  
deprivations of which the Allies  
are incapable, set a deprivations  
so inflicted in them and many  
the overlords the wings and their  
dishes that it is the solemn intent  
of the Allies to keep avarice  
sheer heretic, for no other pur-  
pose than exact reprisal. Satis-  
faction of heart at this time is worse  
than a crime. It is an inhuman  
cruelty that has pitied itself  
against humanity, and humanity  
will come to exist, even if it  
comes to extermination. Think  
of the wantonness of Belgium, of  
the savagery, the rage and vio-  
lence of the soldiers and com-  
manders, planes of the aeroplanes  
and gardens and humble homes,  
and then remember Germany's foul  
purpose against them, surely in  
the field of it all the ultimate  
of reprisal becomes a sacred ob-  
ligation.

## SERIOUS BUSINESS

Men and women who volunteer  
in the Liberty loan work are not  
rational individuals, to be treated  
as such. If you are serving a customer when they appear  
at your door giving advice, or  
digging a ditch, put the Nation's  
business first. Treat a book agent  
equally, if you will, or the man  
who wants to tell you how he  
can sell him a pamphlet in '18, but  
do not be too condescending with  
the personal representative of the  
President of these United States  
of America. Liberty Loans bear  
no trifling. Bonds at home are  
heavier than bonds abroad.

## ITALY'S UNCROWNED KING.

Giuseppe di Amuniz is Italy's  
post of fire. In the dark days,  
when opinion veered this way and  
that, he exhorted Rome to play  
a man's part, and it was due to  
him, more than to any other per-

son, that Italy finally avowed  
her espousal of the cause of freedom.  
Not content with the written  
message, or the oral philippic  
di Amuniz plunged straight into  
the thick of things, with an am-  
phitheater as his scenes of combat. He  
flew over Italy, over Macedonia,  
over most of the map, and then,  
after he had lost an eye, buckled  
all previous daring with a flight  
over Vienna, in which he scattered  
literature likely to stir the  
Austrians to bleak misgivings. It  
is said of him that he is constantly  
sad because he has not been  
permitted to die in the service of  
his country. Remarkable man,  
this fellow di Amuniz, and how  
he reverses the popular estimate  
of poets!

## HANDMAIDS OF HAPPINESS

Flowers in the yard make flow-  
ers in the heart. Man is a chame-  
leon, reflecting the patterns about  
him. Tuckerman has said, "To  
analyze the chain of flowers is  
like dissolving music; it is one of  
those things which it is far better  
to enjoy than to attempt to under-  
stand." Tuckerman knows the  
miracle well, and how it softens  
the way. Where flowers are  
abundant, there is a little more  
of the spirit of compassion, brother-  
hood and understanding.

## TEXAS PRESS

## Homes For Returned Soldiers.

Sommer Lane has called attention  
of the residents to the necessity for  
increasing now in extent, increasing  
and to even life and has expressed  
the hope that those who would afford  
the great and fundamental importance  
to help up out of the mess who  
will in a few months be coming back  
from France, Italy, Russia and the  
other fighting fronts upon which  
America is now represented.

Sommer Lane would have the  
government retain all land capable  
of agricultural development, whether  
in public or private ownership and make  
it ready for the plots of the returned  
soldiers.

Sommer Lane has sampled a large  
proportion of the men in the American  
army today, it is said that Texas  
has a great interest in the problem of  
providing homes and opportunities for  
these men when their duties are over.

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